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 (VASODILATOR) AGENT
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The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002.

In the Claims:

Replace claims 1, 4 and 5 on file by the following amended claims 1, 4 and 5:

A 1 1. (Amended) A method for treating hypertension or for reducing or preventing development of elevated blood pressure which comprises administering to a patient an effective amount of secoisolariciresinol diglucoside (SDG) obtained from flaxseed and having a purity of at least 95%.

A 2 2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the SDG is administered in an amount of 10-30 mg/kg of body weight in a normotensive patient.

A 3 3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the SDG is administered in an amount of 1-15 mg/kg of body weight in a hypertensive patient.

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